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view of Damoulakis for reasons similar to those discussed with respect to claim 1.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 13 be withdrawn.

Amended independent claim 14 is directed to a method that includes, among other things, periodically determining user specific parameters of a transducer model. Applicants submit that claim 14 is patentable over Gong in view of Damoulakis for reasons similar to those discussed with respect to claim 2. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 14 be withdrawn.

Claims 15, 17, 18 and 20 were canceled without prejudice or disclaimer thereby making the rejection of these claims moot. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the rejection of claims 15, 17, 18 and 20 be withdrawn.

New Claims 21-24

New claims 21-24 depend either from claim 1 or claim 5 and are patentable for the reasons discussed with respect to claim 1 or claim 5, as well as for other reasons.

CONCLUSION

Having addressed all rejections, Applicants respectfully submit that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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